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The Democratic State Central Committee held a meeting in Chicago on Tuesday, at the Sherman House. By a strange coincidence the Chicago papers of yesterday morning announced, among the arrivals at the Sherman House the day previous, "Hon. S. S. Jack, of Decatur." Now the question will naturally arise, what business had a highly virtuous and honest man like "our Sammy" at a meeting of such desperately wicked political outcasts?

DANIEL MARCY is the Democratic candidate for Governor of New Hampshire. In 1864 Mr. Marcy said: "I believe the name of President Lincoln will go down to posterity along with the deep execrations of those who revere the Union." This is the class of Democrats that is coming to the front in this Centennial year.

There is such a thing as piety running to seed. Now there's the post-mortem at Macon, for instance. He thinks the "moral tone" of the Republican not high enough to merit his patronage, but his own notions of official honesty and integrity are not so nice as to prevent him from appropriating to his own private use the official stamps sent him by the postoffice department, nor is he any too proud to violate an express rule of the department, which prohibits the use of official blanks for the purpose of private or personal correspondence. We are not behind anybody in our admiration for true piety, but when a man can see moral obligations in everybody else, and be so supremely pious as to be unwilling to award honest motives to those who differ with him in opinion, while at the same time his own skirts are bedraggled with the mud of official "crook-ness"—when a man of this kind puts on the garb of excessive piety and pharisaical proclivities, "I am better and holier than you," we feel very much like puncturing his moral wind-bag. His name is D. W. Allison.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Hon. Jos. Medill, editor-in-chief of the Chicago Tribune, having been mentioned as a possible candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, thus disposes of the rumor in his paper of yesterday:

The editor-in-chief of the Tribune is not a candidate for governor (or any other office), not because the office is not high, honorable and important enough to fill the measure of any man's ambition, but simply because he holds a position now—the editorship of the Chicago Tribune—which gives him full occupation, will last during life, and is more congenial to his tastes than any political office could possibly be. Other reasons might be given for not being a candidate for any office, under any circumstances, but the explanation given is deemed sufficient.

Nor Posten.—The New Hampshire Patriot is in favor of Hancock as the Democratic nominee for President, and says that with T. A. Tilton for vice President, Illinois can be carried. No better evidence could be adduced that the Patriot is not posted with reference to Illinois politics. There is no man in this State who is, decidedly, politically, than Lyman Trumbull, and there are thousands of voters here who have really forgotten that such a man ever sat in the Senate of the United States, and betrayed the party which made him famous.

This Indianapolis Journal pertinently observes: "We are entirely satisfied with the position and record of the Republican party relative to the whiskey frauds. As to the composition of the ring itself, it is to be remarked that wherever it had an existence, some of the ring-leaders were Democrats. The officials, were, of course, Republicans, but a majority of the distillers and rectifiers were Democrats. But even if they had all been Republicans, the party deserves so much the more credit for unearthing the ring and punishing the members. It will not be denied by any person that the prosecutions have been pushed with extraordinary energy, and everything has been made to yield to the one purpose of vindicating the law. The whole work of discovering and punishing the frauds has been done with a thoroughness and sternness that must command the admiration of all honest men. It is impossible for the party to warrant the unassailable virtue of all its appointees under the temptations of Democratic distillers, but it has at least displayed its readiness to punish them with an unsparring hand when detected in fraud."

MR. SHADE RISES TO EXPLAIN.

DECATUR, Feb. 9, 1876.
MR. REPUBLICAN.—It does not often happen in the course of a man's history, that such a good thing is got off as that letter written you by that Macon man, Mr. Allison. It shows such a great amount of good sense, such a business-like air, and above all so much of that holy zeal that we have read so much about. Zeal that would enforce gag-law on the freedom of the press; that would burn men at the stake if it dared, and then style itself grace and religion. This man Allison has been lately, and still may be, in the drug business in Macon, and talks about the "necarious business" of liquor selling. I'll venture to say that he doesn't go before a Justice of the Peace and take an oath that the firm of which he is or was a member has not sold intoxicating liquor to any one contrary to law in the last year. I am engaged in the "necarious business" of standing behind a desk all day in the office of D. W. Bronneman & Bro., poring over long ledger columns of accounts of men who make the business notorious by surreptitiously dealing out whiskey for "misdical purposes," and not having the honor or manliness to acknowledge that it is only another method of cheating the town out of a license fee for keeping a tippling shop, thus giving the saloon men the blame, and they are the quickest to cry "Stop Thief" and talk about a "necarious business." I respect any one's conscientious scruples provided they act consistently, but don't admire a man who talks about what the Bible commands when it don't command any such thing, and who tells you to "discontinue your paper" because you keep its columns open for free speech. Allison, my christian galoot, go West and run a drug store. The aforesaid
W. P. SHADE.

MARRIAGE OF SENATOR CHRISTIANITY.

WASHINGTON, D. C. February 8.—The Evening Star has the following paragraph relating to the new departure of Christianity, the only genuine Independent in the Senate:

"The most interesting topic at the Capitol to-day was the marriage of Senator Christianity, of Michigan, this forenoon, to Miss Lillie Lugenbuhl, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department. The marriage took place where the Senator and his wife had rooms, and was a very quiet affair, the ceremony being witnessed by very few persons. Senator Ferry, who was the only Senator present, officiated as groomsmen, with Miss Belle Lintineau as bridesmaid. The Senator, who has now reached the age of 64, lost his wife about nine months since. He is the father of six children. His bride is a blonde, is quite pretty, and is about 20 years of age. It is understood that the courtship was quite brief, lasting but a few weeks."

When the name of Mr. Christianity was read in calling the roll of the Senate this afternoon, Mr. Ferry, President pro tem, said with a dry twinkle: "I desire to state that my colleague is paired"—a remark which created general laughter all over the Chamber.

The Ohio inflationists have a plan for capturing the National Democratic convention. The Cincinnati Enquirer unfolds it in an eloquent column, in which the State figures as a "keystone" a "shell-warmer," and several other equally stirring characters. The earnestness of the scheme is the Ohio platform of last fall, and it is proposed to force it down the throats of the party in this way: When the National Committee, which meets on February 23, has fixed the time of the National Convention, the Ohio Democrats will call their State Convention to meet at some date earlier than the National body. They will then nominate a ticket and adopt a platform embodying these points: No national bank of issue. The notes of the United States to take the place of the notes of the banks as rapidly as may be. The repeal of the Resumption bill, no forced resumption, which is contraction, its postponement until the business interests of the country will permit. No repudiation, no unlimited inflation, but a sound and sufficient currency, equal to the wants of trade; such legislation by Congress as will, so far as possible, permit the wants of trade to determine its volume. Armed with this platform the delegates could, so the Enquirer thinks, be potential in the National convention, and Ohio would herself elect a President in October. And a good time she would have doing it.

BROTHER BOWEN places himself in an unhappy position. "Dear friends," long ago "confidentially" told him (of course he is not here enough to give their names, and, therefore, we must take his word for it) that the pastor of Plymouth Church, had "graciously" betrayed the sanctity of their homes. Still Bowen supported this pastor and was until within this year a prominent pew-holder, and was distressed when Bowen discontinued the "Star papers" in the Independent.—Cincinnati Commercial.

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SOCIAL LIFE IN BERLIN.

The Berlin Opera House is not so large as that at Munich, but it is an exceedingly cheerful and agreeable one. The Emperor's box, which is opposite the stage, occupies a large portion of the house, and the house is usually well filled with an audience exceedingly respectable and brilliant. The noticeable thing in the audience was the prominence of military uniforms. You would think the town was in a state of siege. Going in undress seems not to be allowed. For the rest there is not much dress. The Germans do not dress for the opera. A few ladies in the dress circle appear in full toilet, but one may not be surprised to see every lady pull her knitting out of her pocket. It is apparently no more sin to go to the opera in Berlin than it is to go to a Thursday evening prayer meeting in America. The German society may be as dissolute as any in the world, Berlin may be as immoral as Paris, but it finds it very difficult to appear so.

MR. ROBERT TOMBS of Georgia is a consistent Democrat. He has his faults but they are such as naturally belong to the Democrat and he glories in them. To him even Democratic sins far outshine the most transcendent virtues of other parties. He was a supporter of the Democratic rebellion, upon Democratic grounds, and although conquered and bound hand and foot, he doesn't propose to give up his Democratic principles. This genuine true blue Democrat made a Democratic speech in the Hall of Representatives at Atlanta, before the members of the legislature, in which he came out honestly and told the truth about himself and his party. He said:

"Now, these miserable wretches—the Yankees—have injected five millions of savages into the stomach of our body politic, and the man who says he accepts negro suffrage, I say, accursed be he! [Cheers.] I will accept everything; I will accept Grant and empire before I accept such a Democrat! [Applause.] The poor, ignorant negro—talk of governing you and me! It takes the highest order of intellect to govern the people, and these poor wretches talk of governing us! Why they can't perpetrate their own negro power. In the countries where they were in the majority they did not preserve their power and perpetrate their rule. My remedy helped us to break that up. We carried them with us by bribery and intimidation. I advised it and paid my money for it. [Applause.] You all know it, but won't say it. But I will say it, for I fear no man, and am prepared to render an account to none but the Great Judge, before whom I must appear in a few years, for my enemies have thought my services to my country so great that they have done me the honor to exclude me from again serving my people. I contest that honor with our chief, Mr. Davis. I am just as good as he is, and he is no better than I am. I demand that they shall place me besides him. I thank them for it. [Laughter.] It is very few things that I have to thank them for; but I do thank them for that I am entitled to the honor they thus dispense, and I shall ask our representatives to demand it for me, for I fought for it and to bring it about."

It will be noticed that in this speech Tombs not only admits but glories over the fact that bribery and intimidation have been the means employed by the Democratic party to regain power in the Southern States—a fact that Democrats generally deny. It is this kind of blatant rebels that the Democrats in Congress insist upon pardoning.

We have been on the lookout for great Democratic principles. We have discovered some points, but not enough to equip a great party for a National campaign.

The first point is that the Democratic party is devoted to the Confederate theory of State rights.

The second point is that the Democratic party is in favor of all the jobs called improvements that have been fixed upon in the late Southern Confederacy.

The third point is that, as the majority of the Democratic members of Congress, and the backbone of the party itself, are of the secession late in the rebellion, it is the rebellious part that must govern if the Democratic party comes into power.—Cincinnati Commercial.

A WILD LOOK.—The other day a Detroit husband was reading in a newspaper that the premonitory symptoms of insanity were a wild look, flushed face, thick speech, and so forth, and he handed it to his wife and remarked, "Mary, if I ever come home looking that way you'll know what it means, and you'll know what to do." "Yes, darling," she softly replied, as she hid the paper down; "I'll have an ennetic and a club waiting for you."

It costs the government \$12,000 a day to run the House of Representatives. Yet with nearly two-thirds of the members, the Democrats pledged to retrenchment and reform, are wasting more time than any previous House.

Colonel Gildersleeve's last message to the British riflemen was: "Send any kind of a team you choose—Irish, English, Scotch, or mixed." This is a good fair way to put it, and doesn't leave much room to cavil, as we can see.

TELEGRAPHIC.

BABCOCK.

PROCEEDINGS IN HIS TRIAL YESTERDAY.

Grant's Deposition to be Taken.

The Grain Brothers get 20 Years.

GREAT FIRE IN NEW YORK

Henry Overstolz Declared Mayor of St. Louis.

St. Louis, February 9.—The government counsel in the Babcock case, to-day, passed over the conspiracy in 1871-2, and produced testimony to show the existence and acts of the whisky ring from 1873 to 1875. The testimony was generally of a character tending to show who were in the conspiracy and its extent.

J. M. Fitzroy, deputy Internal Revenue Collector, testified that after the departure of Meigs, in November, 1872, he became the active business man of the ring. He only met Babcock once, and only had a passing conversation with him.

John F. Siedenhoff, foreman of Ulric's distillery, was the next witness. John F. Siedenhoff's testimony related wholly to the operations of the distillery of which he was foreman.

Rudolph Ulric then testified, but no additional evidence was produced.

Mr. Storrs stated that the defense had intended to have the personal attendance of General Grant, as a witness, but as the case now stands, he thought that this would not be necessary. He then proposed to the counsel for the prosecution that they should meet with the counsel for the defense, and agree upon questions and cross-questions to be put to the President. Examination should be made before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Col. Dyer said he had no particular objections to such an arrangement if it should appear, after examining interrogations of the defense, that the Government could as well be served in this way as by the personal presence of the President.

Court then adjourned until 3 p. m. On re-assembling of the court, District Attorney Dyer stated that counsel for the Government had not the counsel for the defense regarding the questions to be sent to Washington, but they had not time to prepare their counter interrogations. He, therefore, asked the court to adjourn until to-morrow morning to afford both sides an opportunity to properly arrange their questions and cross-questions, and that the counsel may leave to-night for Washington, and arrive there in time to have the deposition taken on Saturday.

Judge Porter joined in this request for an adjournment. Judge Dillon stated that the court recognized the force of the suggestion of counsel as to the inconvienience of the President absenting himself from Washington at this time, and as the counsel's arrangement would probably save time, the court adjourned until to-morrow morning.

LATEST.—A consultation between the counsel in the Babcock case, this evening, resulted in an agreement that the deposition of President Grant shall be taken before Chief Justice Waite, next Saturday afternoon, and the proceedings conducted like an examination in open court. Both sides will be represented by counsel. Maj. L. Eaton will act for the government. Who will represent the defense has not yet transpired.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—At present it is impossible to obtain an accurate account of the losses by fire last night. The total loss is estimated by good judges at about \$3,000,000, and the total insurance is \$2,000,000. The bodies of Daniel Mulden and David Clute, firemen, who were killed, were viewed by the Coroner's jury this morning. Both men leave families.

A cord of police is placed around the burned district, and travel and traffic are interdicted therein. The fire has developed heavy losses upon the British fire insurance agencies of this city, and it is supposed they will have to draw \$150,000 or £200,000 exchange immediately.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Henry Overstolz was this evening declared Mayor of this city by the city council, and was installed at 9:30. Mr. Britton, the present incumbent, will publish a card stating that he takes exception to the action of the council, and shall continue to perform the functions of his office until the matter is decided by the proper tribunal. The case will immediately be brought before the Circuit Court.

CAIRO, Feb. 9.—In the case of the two Crains, charged with being accessory to the murder of Wm. Spence, at Cranville, Williamson county, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and fixing the punishment at twenty years each in the penitentiary.

ROSCOE CONKLING is 46 years old—in the very flush of manhood—and the Worcester Spy says that he "can afford to wait." So he can. He has a great future before him. But why not enlist the services of a statesman who, though comparatively young, has had great experience, while all his faculties are at their best? Why wait until a man begins to break down physically and mentally before enlisting him to a responsible post that demands the exercise of a man's best powers of mind and body? It is true that even in 1880 Mr. Conkling would still be younger than John Adams, Jefferson, Monroe, Madison, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Harrison, Buchanan, or Lincoln, when chosen President; but still it would have been much better for the country if some of those eminent men had been called to office sooner. Senator Conkling is sound and vigorous in mind and body. If we take him now we take him at his best. He is the favorite son of the Empire State, and will go into the coming canvass with a backing that will certainly place him in the front rank of the strong candidates at the Centennial Convention. Why not have a young man's candidate for President once? The country has been too often cursed with the decayed powers of old age in the White House. Roscoe Conkling, the "Young America candidate!"—Buffalo Express.

New Advertisements.

REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To A. J. Griner or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1874, for the taxes for the year 1873, I purchased the following described lot, to-wit: Lot 13, block 1, of S. K. Thompson's Addition to Decatur, assessed in your name, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1876. M. P. MURPHY.

To Robert & Burrows or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1874, for the taxes for the year 1873, I purchased the following described lot, to-wit: Lot 2, block 6, of Paulsen & Burrows' Addition to Decatur, assessed in your names, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1876. M. P. MURPHY.

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